

Matngala language

Matngele or **Madngele** is an extinct Australian Aboriginal language of the Northern Territory spoken by the Madngella and Yunggor peoples.

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Classification

Tryon (1974) classified Matngele with Kamu, and this is accepted by Dixon (2002) and Bowern (2011), though denied by Harvey (1990).^[1]

Phonology

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i		u
<u>Mid</u>	e	ə	
<u>Low</u>			a

Consonants

	Matngele
Region	Northern Territory, Australia
Ethnicity	Madngella, Yunggor
Extinct	by 2006 census ^[1] <div>perhaps 1 reported 1973; perhaps 10 reported 1990</div>
Language family	Eastern Daly <div>▪ Matngele</div>
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zm1
Glottolog	madn1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/madn1237) ^[2]
AIATSIS ^[1]	N12 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/australian-aboriginal-languages/language/N12)

		<u>Peripheral</u>		<u>Laminal</u>	<u>Apical</u>	
		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>
<u>Stop</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>	p	k	c	t	
	<u>Voiced</u>	b	g	ɟ	d	
<u>Nasal</u>		m	ŋ	ɲ	n	
<u>Lateral</u>				ɭ	l	
<u>Rhotic</u>					r	ɭ
<u>Semivowel</u>		w		j		

Grammar

Matngele has only five simple verbs. These must be combined with coverbs in order to form complex verbs.

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External links

- Matngele (http://dalylanguages.org/view_language.php?id=8) at the [Dalylanguages.org](http://dalylanguages.org/) website (<http://dalylanguages.org/>).
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